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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/033,662; Filed: March 3, 1998
For: **Human Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor 3**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Statement Concerning the Deposited cDNA Clone executed by James H. Davis;
and
3. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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